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Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Treasurer is directed to hold the fund known as the
4 posthumous fund of Fitch's Home for the Soldiers in trust, to credit the
5 income [therefrom] from such fund to the Department of Veterans'
6 Affairs to be used for the welfare and entertainment of the patients of
7 the Veterans' Home [and Hospital] or any other home established by
8 the state for the care of veterans and to pay from the principal thereof
9 any claim which may be lawfully established against the same.

10 Sec. 2. Section 20-248 of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

12 Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any patient of the Veterans'
13 Home [and Hospital] at Rocky Hill from practicing the occupation of a
14 master barber in said home, nor shall the provisions of this chapter be
15 construed to prevent any person holding a registered hairdresser and

16 cosmetician's license under the provisions of chapter 387 from cutting
 17 the hair of any person, nor to prevent any person licensed under the
 18 provisions of said chapter 387 from carrying on the occupation of
 19 hairdresser and cosmetician. Nothing in this chapter nor in chapter 387
 20 shall be construed to prevent a licensed registered hairdresser and
 21 cosmetician from working in a barber shop nor a licensed master
 22 barber from working in a hairdressing and cosmetology shop.

23 Sec. 3. Section 27-102l of the general statutes, as amended by section
 24 6 of public act 03-170, is repealed and the following is substituted in
 25 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

26 (a) There shall be a Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans'
 27 Home [and Hospital] shall be within the department and shall be
 28 located in Rocky Hill. The department head shall be the Commissioner
 29 of Veterans' Affairs, who shall be appointed by the Governor in
 30 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, as
 31 amended, with the powers and duties prescribed therein.

32 (b) The commissioner [shall] may appoint a [deputy] supervisor, to
 33 administer a veterans' advocacy and assistance unit for the aid and
 34 benefit of veterans, their spouses and eligible dependents and family
 35 members. The unit shall have a staff of not less than eight men and
 36 women, including six service officers, and clerical personnel. The
 37 [department head, the deputy commissioner] supervisor and the
 38 service officers shall be veterans as defined in section 27-103, as
 39 amended, or veterans who were awarded the armed forces
 40 expeditionary medal for service by the armed forces. At least one of
 41 the service officers shall be a woman having a demonstrated interest in
 42 the concerns of women veterans, who shall be responsible for
 43 addressing those concerns. Each service officer shall successfully
 44 complete a course in veterans' benefits within one year of
 45 commencement of employment and shall be assigned to one of the five
 46 congressional districts of the state.

47 (c) In addition to the powers and duties prescribed under section 4-

48 8, the commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

49 (1) To prepare studies and collect information concerning facilities
50 and services available to members of the armed forces, veterans, their
51 spouses or eligible dependents, including facilities and services for
52 veterans who may have been exposed to a Vietnam herbicide during
53 their periods of military service;

54 (2) To conduct interviews in the nursing homes or hospitals
55 throughout the state to determine the number of veterans admitted
56 and ascertaining which benefits such veterans are currently receiving
57 and are entitled to receive;

58 (3) To cooperate with service agencies and organizations
59 throughout the state in disseminating and furnishing counsel and
60 assistance of benefit to residents of this state who are or have been
61 members of the armed forces, their spouses or eligible dependents,
62 which will indicate the availability of: (A) Educational training and
63 retraining facilities; (B) health, medical, rehabilitation and housing
64 services and facilities; (C) employment and reemployment services; (D)
65 provisions of federal, state and local laws affording financial rights,
66 privileges and benefits; and (E) other matters of similar nature;

67 (4) To assist veterans, their spouses and eligible dependents and
68 family members in the preparation, presentation, proof and
69 establishment of such claims, privileges, rights and other benefits
70 accruing to them under federal, state and local laws;

71 (5) To cooperate with all national, state and local governmental and
72 private agencies securing or offering services or any benefits to
73 veterans, their spouses or dependents;

74 (6) To develop and prepare a long-range plan and mission statement
75 for the Veterans' Home [and Hospital] and the veterans' advocacy and
76 assistance unit; and

77 (7) To review all appeals made by veterans, their spouses or eligible

78 dependents or family members and render the final decision thereon
 79 regarding the denial of admission to any program or the refusal to
 80 render any service or benefit which is administered by the Department
 81 of Veterans' Affairs, the discharge or transfer [therefrom] from any
 82 such program or any disciplinary action taken while participating in
 83 any such program.

84 (d) The commissioner shall adopt, in accordance with the provisions
 85 of chapter 54, and enforce, such regulations and procedures for the
 86 operation, administration and management of the department and all
 87 programs and services under the jurisdiction of the department,
 88 including, but not limited to, procedures relating to admission and
 89 discharge or transfer of veterans in the Veterans' Home, [and
 90 Hospital,] a per diem fee schedule for programs, services and benefits
 91 provided by the Veterans' Home, [and Hospital,] and the participation
 92 of eligible family members in programs or services provided by the
 93 home, [and hospital.]

94 Sec. 4. Section 27-102n of the general statutes is repealed and the
 95 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

96 (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Department of
 97 Veterans' Affairs. The board shall be comprised of the commissioner
 98 and nine members who by education or experience shall be qualified
 99 in health care, business management, social services or law and who
 100 shall have a demonstrated interest in the concerns of veterans. [The
 101 deputy commissioner of the veterans' advocacy and assistance unit
 102 shall be a nonvoting member of the board.] A majority of the members
 103 of the board shall be veterans. Members shall be appointed by the
 104 Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members
 105 shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. They shall
 106 receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for
 107 their reasonable expenses in the performance of their duties.

108 (b) The board shall meet at least quarterly and upon the call of the
 109 commissioner. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

110 (c) The board shall advise and assist the commissioner in the
111 operation of the Veterans' Home, [and Hospital,] the veterans'
112 advocacy and assistance unit, the administration, expansion or
113 modification of existing programs and services of the department and
114 the development of new programs and services.

115 (d) The board shall review and approve any regulations prior to
116 adoption by the commissioner concerning: (1) Procedures relating to
117 admission and discharge or transfer of veterans in the home; [and
118 hospital;] (2) a per diem fee schedule for programs, services and
119 benefits provided therein; and (3) the participation of eligible family
120 members in programs or services provided by the home, [and
121 hospital.]

122 (e) The board shall submit an annual report to the Governor on its
123 activities with its recommendations, if any, for improving the delivery
124 of services to veterans and the addition of new programs.

125 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is
126 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
127 *passage*):

128 (b) As used in this part, "home" means the Veterans' Home [and
129 Hospital] maintained by the state; "hospital" means any incorporated
130 hospital or tuberculosis sanatorium in the state and any state chronic
131 disease hospital, mental hospital or training school for the mentally
132 retarded, "veteran" means any veteran who served in time of war, as
133 defined by subsection (a), and who is a resident of this state, provided,
134 if he was not a resident or resident alien of this state at the time of
135 enlistment or induction into the armed forces, he shall have resided
136 continuously in this state for at least two years; "eligible dependent"
137 means any parent, wife or husband, or child of a veteran who has no
138 adequate means of support; and "eligible family member" means any
139 parent, brother or sister, wife or husband, or child or children under
140 eighteen years of age, of any veteran whose cooperation in the
141 program is integral to the treatment of the veteran.

142 Sec. 6. Section 27-106 of the general statutes is repealed and the
143 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

144 (a) The commissioner shall adopt and enforce such rules as may be
145 necessary to ensure order, enforce discipline and preserve the health
146 and ensure the comfort of the patients in the Veterans' Home; [and
147 Hospital;] and shall discipline or dismiss any officer or patient of the
148 home [and hospital] who disobeys or infringes upon such rules. The
149 commissioner shall appoint, subject to the provisions of chapter 67,
150 such officers and employees as are necessary for the administration of
151 the affairs of the home, [and hospital,] shall prescribe the relative rank,
152 if any, of such officers and employees, and shall commission each such
153 officer, who shall wear such uniform, if any, as is prescribed by the
154 commissioner.

155 (b) The chief fiscal officer shall submit an itemized list of
156 expenditures made from the Institutional General Welfare Fund to the
157 commissioner at intervals not greater than two months. Such list shall
158 include all such expenditures made during the two-month period
159 preceding its submission. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-
160 56, the commissioner shall prescribe procedures to limit and specify
161 the uses for which expenditures may be made from the Institutional
162 General Welfare Fund so that only expenditures which, in the opinion
163 of the commissioner and the board of trustees for the department
164 appointed pursuant to section 27-102n, as amended by this act, directly
165 benefit veterans or the Veterans' Home [and Hospital] are permitted.

166 (c) In addition to the estimate of expenditure requirements required
167 under section 4-77, the commissioner shall submit an accounting of all
168 planned expenditures for the next fiscal year from the Institutional
169 General Welfare Fund to the joint standing committee of the General
170 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
171 the budgets of state agencies at the time such estimate is submitted.

172 Sec. 7. Section 27-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the
173 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

174 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall assign one or more
175 state policemen for duty at the home as may be requested by the
176 commissioner.

177 (b) The commissioner, subject to the approval of the State Traffic
178 Commission, may prohibit, limit, restrict or regulate the parking of
179 vehicles, may determine speed limits, may restrict roads or portions
180 thereof to one-way traffic and may designate the location of crosswalks
181 on any portion of any road or highway upon the grounds of the
182 Veterans' Home, [and Hospital,] and may erect and maintain signs
183 designating such prohibitions or restrictions. Security officers or
184 institutional patrolmen appointed to act as state policemen under the
185 provisions of section 29-18 may arrest or issue a summons for violation
186 of such restrictions or prohibitions. Any person who fails to comply
187 with any such prohibition or restriction shall be fined not more than
188 twenty-five dollars, and the court or traffic or parking authority having
189 jurisdiction of traffic or parking violations in the town of Rocky Hill
190 shall have jurisdiction over violations of this section.

191 Sec. 8. Section 27-108 of the general statutes is repealed and the
192 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

193 (a) Any veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as
194 amended, may apply for admission to the home; and any veteran who,
195 from disease, wounds or accident, needs medical or surgical care and
196 treatment or who has become mentally ill and who has no adequate
197 means of support, may be admitted to any hospital and receive
198 necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein, at the expense of
199 the state, unless other funds or means of payment are available.

200 (b) Any veteran desiring care or treatment under the provisions of
201 this chapter shall make application under oath to the Commissioner of
202 Veterans' Affairs; but, if, by reason of his or her physical condition, he
203 or she is unable to make such application, some other veteran may
204 make such application in his or her behalf. Said commissioner, or his
205 or her designee, shall have sole power to determine whether such

206 veteran is entitled to admission to the home or to a hospital, and such
207 veteran, if admitted, may, upon application to the commissioner,
208 receive transportation at the expense of the state from his or her place
209 of residence to the home or such hospital. No veteran so admitted shall
210 be discharged from the home [or hospital] except upon the approval of
211 the commissioner or his or her designee. The commissioner shall have
212 sole power to remove any veteran whose care and treatment is paid for
213 by the state from any hospital to another and shall appoint such agents
214 as are necessary to see that veterans admitted to hospitals are receiving
215 necessary food, clothing, care and treatment.

216 (c) Such veterans who are able to pay in whole or in part for such
217 program or services, as determined by the applicable fee schedule
218 adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 27-102l, as amended,
219 shall receive a monthly bill for such services rendered.

220 (d) In the event that a bill of a veteran remains unpaid and past due,
221 the chief fiscal officer, with the approval of the commissioner, shall
222 require the veteran to assign his or her right to receive payment of
223 income, from whatever source, to the commissioner until (1) such
224 account is made current, and (2) the veteran demonstrates to the
225 satisfaction of the commissioner a reasonable likelihood of more
226 prudent financial management for the future. Any veteran shall be
227 provided an opportunity for a hearing when an order of assignment is
228 issued.

229 (e) Payment of amounts determined by the commissioner as
230 provided by subsection (c) of this section shall be deposited in the
231 Institutional General Welfare Fund of the Veterans' Home [and
232 Hospital] established in accordance with sections 4-56 to 4-58,
233 inclusive, and shall be available for expenditure from said fund for the
234 operation of the Veterans' Home [and Hospital] in accordance with
235 procedures prescribed by the commissioner and the Comptroller.

236 (f) In the event that a veteran dies, still owing money for services
237 rendered, the commissioner, with the aid of the Attorney General's

238 office, may submit a claim against such veteran's estate and any
239 amounts collected shall be deposited in the Institutional General
240 Welfare Fund in accordance with section 4-56.

241 Sec. 9. Section 27-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the
242 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

243 Any hospital, upon request of the commissioner, shall furnish any
244 veteran, determined by the commissioner to be entitled to admission
245 thereto, necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein at the
246 expense of the state, unless other funds or means of payment are
247 available, and such veteran shall have preference for admission into
248 such hospital.

249 Sec. 10. Section 27-110 of the general statutes is repealed and the
250 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

251 (a) When it appears that any veteran is eligible for treatment in a
252 Veterans' Administration facility, and commitment is necessary for the
253 care and treatment of such veteran, the court of probate of the district
254 in which the veteran is found may, upon receipt of a certificate of
255 eligibility from the Veterans' Administration, and if the veteran is
256 adjudged mentally ill in accordance with law, direct such veteran's
257 commitment to the Veterans' Administration for hospitalization in a
258 Veterans' Administration facility. Thereafter such veteran, upon
259 admission to any such facility, shall be subject to the rules and
260 regulations of the Veterans' Administration and the chief officer of
261 such facility shall be vested with the same powers as are exercised by
262 superintendents of state hospitals for mental illness within this state
263 with reference to the retention, transfer or parole of the veteran so
264 committed. Notice of such pending commitment proceedings shall be
265 furnished the person to be committed and his or her right to appear
266 and defend shall not be denied. Any court of probate may order the
267 discharge of such veteran, upon application and satisfactory proof that
268 such veteran has been restored to reason. The commitment of a veteran
269 to the Veterans' Administration or other agency of the United States

270 government by a court of another state or of the District of Columbia,
271 under a similar provision of law, shall have the same force and effect
272 as if such commitment were made by a court of this state.

273 (b) Upon receipt of a certificate of the Veterans' Administration or
274 any other agency of the United States that facilities are available for the
275 care or treatment of any veteran committed to any hospital for mental
276 illness or other institution for the care or treatment of persons similarly
277 afflicted and that such veteran is eligible for care or treatment, the
278 superintendent of such hospital or institution may cause the transfer of
279 such person to the Veterans' Administration or other agency of the
280 United States for care or treatment. Upon effecting any such transfer,
281 the committing court or proper officer thereof shall be notified of such
282 transfer by the transferring agency. No person shall be transferred to
283 the Veterans' Administration or other agency of the United States if he
284 or she is confined pursuant to conviction of any felony or
285 misdemeanor or if he or she has been acquitted of such a charge solely
286 on the ground of insanity, unless prior to transfer the court or other
287 authority originally committing such person enters an order for such
288 transfer after appropriate motion and hearing. Any person transferred
289 as provided in this section shall be deemed to be committed to the
290 Veterans' Administration or other agency of the United States
291 pursuant to the original commitment.

292 Sec. 11. Section 27-117 of the general statutes is repealed and the
293 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

294 Any person who has in his or her possession or control any
295 property of any person applying for or receiving aid from the Soldiers,
296 Sailors and Marines' Fund or the department, or who is indebted to
297 such applicant or recipient or has knowledge of any property
298 belonging to him or her, and any officer who has control of the books
299 and accounts of any corporation which has possession or control of
300 any property belonging to any person applying for or receiving such
301 aid or is indebted to him or her, shall, upon presentation by the

302 disbursing officer thereof or any person deputized by him or her of a
303 certificate signed by him or her, stating that such applicant or recipient
304 has applied for or is receiving aid from said fund or the department,
305 make full disclosure to such disbursing officer or deputy of any such
306 property or indebtedness. Such disclosure may be obtained in like
307 manner of the property or indebtedness of any person liable for the
308 support of any such applicant or recipient.

309 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 27-122a of the general statutes is
310 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
311 *passage*):

312 (b) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
313 shall transfer to the Veterans' Home [and Hospital] certain land in the
314 city of Middletown, under the supervision and control of said
315 commissioner, in exchange for the transfer by the Veterans' Home and
316 Hospital Commission to the Commissioner of Mental Health and
317 Addiction Services of certain land comprised of pieces and parcels of
318 the land described in subsection (a) of equal acreage, the exact
319 boundaries of the lands to be exchanged to be decided by the
320 Commissioner of Administrative Services, with the advice and
321 assistance of all parties within the six-month period following June 14,
322 1979.

323 Sec. 13. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 27-122b of the general
324 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
325 (*Effective from passage*):

326 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Armed forces" includes the United
327 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or any
328 women's auxiliary branch thereof, organized pursuant to an Act of
329 Congress; and (2) "veteran" means any person honorably discharged
330 from, or released under honorable conditions from, active service in
331 the armed forces. [after service in time of war and who at the time of
332 entering the armed forces was domiciled in this state or who was
333 domiciled in this state at the time of his death and had been so

334 domiciled for a period of not less than five years since such discharge
 335 or release; (3) "service in time of war" means service during the
 336 Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898, to August 13, 1898; the
 337 Philippine insurrection, August 13, 1898, to July 4, 1902, but as to
 338 engagements in the Moro Province, to July 15, 1903; the Boxer
 339 Rebellion, June 20, 1900, to May 12, 1901; the Cuban pacification,
 340 September 12, 1906, to April 1, 1909; the Nicaraguan campaign, August
 341 28, 1912, to November 2, 1913; the Haitian campaign, July 9, 1915, to
 342 December 6, 1915; the punitive expedition into Mexico, March 10, 1916,
 343 to April 6, 1917; World War I, April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, but
 344 as to service in Russia, to April 1, 1920; World War II, December 7,
 345 1941, to December 31, 1946; and the Korean hostilities, June 27, 1950, to
 346 October 27, 1953; and shall include service during the Vietnam era, as
 347 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103; the invasion of Grenada,
 348 October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; and the peace-keeping mission
 349 in Lebanon, August, 1982, to March, 1984; and shall include service
 350 during such periods with the armed forces of any government
 351 associated with the United States.]

352 (b) (1) Any veteran may, by letter or other communication
 353 addressed to the commissioner, or by will, request that upon his or her
 354 death his or her body be buried in said veterans' cemetery, or (2) the
 355 spouse or other next of kin may apply to the commissioner to have the
 356 body of such veteran buried in said veterans' cemetery, and in either
 357 case such request shall be granted.

358 Sec. 14. Section 27-128 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 359 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

360 The Governor [is authorized to] may transfer, from time to time, as
 361 may be found expedient, funds existing in the Soldiers, Sailors and
 362 Marines' Fund and funds of the Veterans' Home [and Hospital] from
 363 one of said funds to the other of said funds.

364 Sec. 15. Section 27-138c of the general statutes is repealed and the
 365 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

366 Any person aggrieved by a decision of the administrator rendered
 367 under section 27-138b may appeal such decision to a review board
 368 composed of the Adjutant General or his or her designate, the
 369 Attorney General or his or her designate, and the Commissioner of
 370 Veterans' Affairs or his or her designate. All appeals taken pursuant to
 371 this section shall be based solely upon the record of the hearing
 372 conducted pursuant to section 27-138b. A person aggrieved by a
 373 decision of the review board may appeal to the Superior Court
 374 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54.

375 Sec. 16. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 376 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

377 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
 378 expended by it in furnishing food, wearing apparel, medical or
 379 surgical aid or care or relief to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
 380 soldiers, sailors or marines who performed service in time of war, as
 381 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended, in any branch
 382 of the military service of the United States, or who were engaged in
 383 any of the wars waged by the United States during said periods in the
 384 forces of any government associated with the United States, who have
 385 been honorably discharged therefrom or honorably released from
 386 active service therein, and who were citizens or resident aliens of the
 387 state at the time of entering said armed forces of the United States or of
 388 any such government, or to their spouses who are living with them, or
 389 to their widows or widowers who were living with them at the time of
 390 death, or dependent children under eighteen years of age, who may be
 391 in need of the same. All such payments shall be made by the American
 392 Legion under authority of its bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the
 393 procedure for proof of eligibility for such aid and shall be approved by
 394 the trustee, provided payments made for the care and treatment of any
 395 person entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at any hospital
 396 receiving aid from the General Assembly unless special care and
 397 treatment are required, shall be in accordance with the provisions of
 398 section 17b-239, as amended, and provided the sum expended for the

399 care or treatment of such person at any other place than a state-aided
 400 hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost of supporting such
 401 person at the Veterans' Home, [and Hospital,] unless special care and
 402 treatment are required, when such sum as may be determined by the
 403 treasurer of such organization may be paid therefor. The treasurer of
 404 such organization shall account to said trustee during the months of
 405 January, April, July and October for all moneys disbursed by it during
 406 the three months next preceding the first day of either of said months,
 407 and such account shall show the amount of and the name and address
 408 of each person to whom such aid has been furnished. Upon the
 409 completion of the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal
 410 fund so held by said trustee shall revert to the State Treasury.

411 Sec. 17. Subsection (d) of section 146 of public act 03-6 of the June 30
 412 special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 413 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

414 (d) Wherever the words "Department of Consumer Protection" are
 415 used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the
 416 words "Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection" shall be
 417 substituted in lieu thereof: 1-84, 1-84b, 4-38c, 5-142, 5-238b, 12-450, 12-
 418 453, 14-327b, 16-245u, 16a-15, 16a-23m, 16a-23p, 17b-363a, 18-81q, 19a-
 419 19, 20-127, 20-196c, 20-289, 20-291, 20-296, 20-299, 20-300, 20-300b, 20-
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437 30-67, 30-68, 30-76, 30-77, 30-78, 30-82, 30-86a, 30-92a, 30-95, 30-106, 30-
438 111, 42-103c, 42-110g, 42-181, 42-190, 42-288a, 43-3, 43-49, 43-50, 52-560
439 and 52-571d.

440 Sec. 18. Section 38a-502 of the general statutes is repealed and the
441 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

442 No individual health insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery
443 or renewed in this state on or after October 1, 1988, may exclude
444 coverage for services provided by the Veterans' Home. [and Hospital.]

445 Sec. 19. Section 38a-529 of the general statutes is repealed and the
446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

447 No group health insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery or
448 renewed in this state on or after October 1, 1988, may exclude coverage
449 for services provided by the Veterans' Home. [and Hospital.]

450 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 45a-649 of the general statutes is
451 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
452 *passage*):

453 (a) Upon an application for involuntary representation, the court
454 shall issue a citation to the following enumerated parties to appear
455 before it at a time and place named in the citation, which shall be
456 served on the parties at least seven days before the hearing date, which
457 date shall not be more than thirty days after the receipt of the
458 application by the Court of Probate unless continued for cause shown.
459 Notice of the hearing shall be sent within thirty days after receipt of
460 the application. (1) The court shall direct that personal service be
461 made, by a state marshal, constable or an indifferent person, upon the

462 following: (A) The respondent, except that if the court finds personal
 463 service on the respondent would be detrimental to the health or
 464 welfare of the respondent, the court may order that such service be
 465 made upon counsel for the respondent, if any, and if none, upon the
 466 attorney appointed under subsection (b) of this section; (B) the
 467 respondent's spouse, if any, if the spouse is not the applicant, except
 468 that in cases where the application is for involuntary representation
 469 pursuant to section 17b-456, and there is no spouse, the court shall
 470 order notice by certified mail to the children of the respondent and if
 471 none, the parents of the respondent and if none, the brothers and
 472 sisters of the respondent or their representatives, and if none, the next
 473 of kin of such respondent. (2) The court shall order such notice as it
 474 directs to the following: (A) The applicant; (B) the person in charge of
 475 welfare in the town where the respondent is domiciled or resident and
 476 if there is no such person, the first selectman or chief executive officer
 477 of the town if the respondent is receiving assistance from the town; (C)
 478 the Commissioner of Social Services, if the respondent is in a state-
 479 operated institution or receiving aid, care or assistance from the state;
 480 (D) the [Administrator of Veterans] Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs
 481 if the respondent is receiving veterans' benefits or the [Veterans]
 482 Veterans' Home, [and Hospital,] or both, if the respondent is receiving
 483 aid or care from such [hospital] home, or both; (E) the Commissioner
 484 of Administrative Services, if the respondent is receiving aid or care
 485 from the state; (F) the children of the respondent and if none, the
 486 parents of the respondent and if none, the brothers and sisters of the
 487 respondent or their representatives; (G) the person in charge of the
 488 hospital, nursing home or some other institution, if the respondent is
 489 in a hospital, nursing home or some other institution. (3) The court, in
 490 its discretion, may order such notice as it directs to other persons
 491 having an interest in the respondent and to such persons the
 492 respondent requests be notified.

493 Sec. 21. (*Effective from passage*) Sections 27-140ff to 27-140hh,
 494 inclusive, and section 30-23b of the general statutes are repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>
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Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>
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Statement of Purpose:

To change the name of the Veterans' Home and Hospital to the Veterans' Home throughout the general statutes and to revise various statutes relative to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]